GAP – Greene Alternative Program

Greene Intermediate Center is Making is Happen!





WE ARE an intermediate school in the South Bend Community School Corporation that serves grades 5-8. Greene is hard-working turnaround school where 87% of the students qualify for free or reduced lunch.

OUR STUDENTS & FAMILIES are very diverse. Approximately 40% of our students are African-American, 30% are Latino, 20% are white, and 10% are multi-cultural.

OUR TEACHERS are dedicated to finding learning solutions for ALL students.

OUR PROMISING PRACTICE is the Greene Alternative Program (GAP). Gap is a self-contained classroom environment that allows a small group of students who have behavioral and academic challenges to focus on learning the skills necessary to be successful in school. They learn social skills, self-control, character education, and study skills as they continue to work on their academic goals. Students have individualized learning plans, so they are being challenged at their level and are achieving success. Once students have met their goals in GAP, they may begin to go back into their regular classes gradually until they are fully reintegrated.

our steps began when the faculty and staff at Greene started to explore the connection between behavior and academic progress. With no additional budget and no additional staff, our teachers and staff members volunteered to help develop the program and teach in GAP on their own prep time. They know that having a program to meet the specific needs to these students is important.

OUR DATA indicates that GAP has been very successful. The average GPA of GAP students has increased from 0.69 before the program to 2.20 after only six weeks in the program. The average number of discipline referrals per six week period has decreased from 3.6 per student to only 1.5. Fifty percent of the students in GAP do not have any discipline referrals at all when they are in the program or after completing the program, and 100% of GAP students have improved their grades overall.